

The MSBRPG Board Elects New Officers

The Mississippi State Board of Registered Professional Geologists was created to administer the Registered professional Geologists Practice Act of 1997 in order to safeguard life, health, and property, and to promote the public welfare by requiring any person in either public or private capacity practicing or offering to practice geology in this state to be registered, unless otherwise exempted by the Act. The Board is composed of five members, each representing the governmental sector, academia, geotechnical/environmental, mining/mineral extraction and one representing the State's geologists at-large.

Darrel Schmitz, Ph.D., Mississippi State University geosciences department head, he was appointed to a second, four term representing academia as a board member by Governor Haley Barbour (term: July 1, 2009 and running through June 30, 2013). During the Mississippi State Board of Registered Professional Geologists meeting held in September, Dr. Schmitz was elected President of the Board.

Mike Wright, MDOT representing the at large sector and appointed by Governor Haley Barbour to serve on the Board of Registered Professional Geologists (term: July 1, 2008 and will run through June 30, 2012). Mr. Wright was elected as the Board's Vice-President, also during the Board's meeting in September.